1. A system for universal image tracking comprising:

An image forming apparatus;

A CPU integral to the image forming apparatus;

User input means connected to the CPU for receiving user

input;

Logic stored in the CPU for receiving user input and

creating archive data based upon the user input; and

A Graphic code producer responsive to the CPU for

producing graphic codes representative of the archive

data.

2. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

the image forming apparatus is a film based camera.

3. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

the image forming apparatus is a digital based camera.

4. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

the image forming apparatus is a video camera.

5. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

the image forming apparatus is a digital image processor.

6. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

the image forming apparatus is a medical image sensor.

7. The system for universal image tracking of claim 6 wherein

the medical image sensor is a magnetic resonance imager.

2   the medical image sensor is an X-ray imager.

3   9.   The system for universal image tracking of claim 6 wherein

4   the medical image sensor is a CAT scan imager.

5   10. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

6   the user input means is a push button input.

7   11. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

8   the user input means is a keyboard.

9   12. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

10   the user input means is voice recognition equipment.

11   13. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

12   the graphic codes are one-dimensional.

13   14. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

14   the graphic codes are two-dimensional.

15   15. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

16   the graphic codes are three-dimensional.

17   16. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

18   the logic comprises configuration input processing for

19   determining bounds for the archive data generation based

20   on configuration input;

21   a resolver for determining the correct value of archive

22   data representing the image forming apparatus and the

23   configuration input; and

17. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16 wherein the timer further comprises a filter for processing the time stamp according to configuration input rules.

18. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16 wherein the configuration input comprises at least generation, sequence, data, unit, and constants information.

19. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 further comprising a graphic code reader connected to the CPU for reading a graphic code on an image representing archive information; and

    A decoder for decoding the archive information represented by the graphic code.

20. The system for universal image tracking of claim 19 wherein the logic further comprises:

    logic for receiving a second user input and creating lineage archive information relating to the image based upon the archive information and the second user input; and

    logic for producing graphic code representative of the lineage archive data.

2   the archive data comprises location attributes of an

3   image.

4   22. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

5   the archive data comprises physical attribute of an image.

6   23. The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

7   each image in an image archive has unique archive data

8   associated with each image.

9   24. The system for universal image tracking of claim 21

10   wherein the location data comprises at least:

11   image generation depth;

12   serial sequence of lot within an archive;

13   serial sequence of unit within a lot;

14   date location of a lot within an archive;

15   date location of an image within an archive;

16   author of the image; and

17   device producing the image.

18   25. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16

19   wherein the timer tracks year in the range of from 0000 to

20   9999.

21   26. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16

22   wherein the timer tracks all 12 months of the year.

23   27. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16

2   minutes.

3   28. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16

4   wherein the timer tracks time in fractions of a second.

5   29. The system for universal image tracking of claim 16

6   wherein the system is ISO 8601:1988 compliant.

7   30. The system for universal image tracking of claim 22

8   wherein the physical attributes comprise at least:

9   image category;

10   image size;

11   push status;

12   digital dynamic range;

13   image medium;

14   image resolution;

15   image stain; and

16   image format.

17   31. The system for universal image tracking of claim 20

18   wherein the lineage archive information comprises a parent

19   number.

20   32. The system for universal image tracking of claim 31

21   wherein the parent number comprises at least:

22   a parent conception date; and

23   a parent conception time.

2   inputting raw image data to an image forming apparatus;

3   inputting image-related data; creating first archive data

4   based upon the image-related data; and translating the

5   first archive data into a form that can be attached to the

6   raw image data.

7   34. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

8   wherein the raw image data is from a film based camera.

9   35. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

10   wherein the raw image data is from a digital camera.

11   36. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

12   wherein the raw image data is from a video camera.

13   37. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

14   wherein the raw image data is from a digital image

15   processor.

16   38. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

17   wherein the raw image data is from a medical image sensor.

18   39. The method for universally tracking images of claim 38

19   wherein the medical image sensor is a magnetic resonance

20   imager.

21   40. The method for universally tracking images of claim 38

22   wherein the raw image data is from an X-ray imager.

23   41. The method for universally tracking images of claim 38

2   42. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

3   wherein the inputting image related data occurs without

4   user intervention.

5   43. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

6   wherein the inputting of image related data occurs via

7   push button input.

8   44. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

9   wherein the inputting of image related data occurs via

10   voice recognition equipment.

11   45. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

12   wherein the inputting of image related data occurs via a

13   keyboard.

14   46. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

15   wherein the form of the translated archive data is an

16   electronic file.

17   47. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

18   wherein the form of the translated data is a graphic code.

19   48. The method for universally tracking images of claim 47

20   wherein the graphic code is one dimensional.

21   49. The method for universally tracking images of claim 47

22   wherein the graphic code is two dimensional.

23   50. The method for universally tracking images of claim 47

2　51. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

3　　　　wherein the image data comprises image data and second

4　　　　archive data.

5　52. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

6　　　　further comprising reading the second archive data; and

7　　　　creating lineage archive information relating to the image

8　　　　based upon the first archive information and second

9　　　　archive information.

10　53. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

11　　　　wherein the inputting of image related data comprises

12　　　　configuration input processing for determining bounds for

13　　　　the archive data generation based upon configured input;

14　　　　determining the correct value of archive data representing

15　　　　the image forming apparatus and configuration input; and

16　　　　date/time stamping the image related data.

17　54. The method for universally tracking images of claim 53

18　　　　wherein date/time stamping is filtered according to

19　　　　configuration input rules.

20　55. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

21　　　　wherein the configuration input comprises at least

22　　　　generation, sequence, data, unit, and constants

23　　　　information.

2   wherein the first archive data comprises location

3   attributes of an image.

4   57. The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

5   wherein the first archive data comprises physical

6   attributes of an image.

7   58. The method for universally tracking images of claim 56

8   wherein the location attributes comprise at least:

9   image generation depth;

10   serial sequence of lot within an archive;

11   serial sequence of unit within a lot;

12   date location of a lot within an archive;

13   date location of an image within an archive;

14   author of the image; and

15   device producing the image.

16   59. The method for universally tracking images of claim 57

17   wherein the physical attributes of an image comprise at

18   least:

19   image category;

20   image size;

21   push status;

22   digital dynamic range;

23   image medium;

2   image resolution;

3   image stain; and

4   image format.

5   60.   The method for universally tracking images of claim 52

6   wherein the lineage archive information comprises a parent

7   number.

8   61.   The method for universally tracking images of claim 52

9   wherein the parent number comprises at least:

10   a parent conception date; and

11   a parent conception time.

12   62.   The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

13   the input means comprises a magnetic card reader.

14   63.   The system for universal image tracking of claim 1 wherein

15   the input means comprises a laser scanner.

16   64.   The system for universal image tracking of claim 31

17   wherein the physical attributes further comprise;

18   imageRes; and

19   imageCus.

20   65.   The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

21   wherein the inputting image related data is via a magnetic

22   card reader.

23   66.   The method for universally tracking images of claim 33

scanner.

67. The method of universally tracking images of claim 33 wherein the inputting of image related data is via an optical reader.